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Association

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79; Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 18, 2018, Arturo Chang, Ethan Paraboschi, and the undersigned of the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA)¹ met with staff from the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) and Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB). Those attending the meeting from the Commission were: Suzanne Tetreault, WTB Deputy Bureau Chief, Garnet Hanly, Chief of the WTB's Competition & Infrastructure Policy Division (CIPD), Elizabeth McIntyre, CIPD Deputy Chief, Jiaming Shang, CIPD Acting Associate Chief, Jonathan Campbell, WTB Legal Advisor, Colin Williams, David Sieradzki, Senior Counsel, with the WTB; Jonathan Lechter, WTB Deputy Division Chief, Joseph Wyer, Emily Bieniek, and Patrick Sun with the CIPD and Deborah Salons, WCB Attorney Advisor.

In the meeting, consistent with its comments² in the above-captioned proceedings, WIA answered questions relating to barriers to deployment including the excessive fees that state and local governments impose, examples of municipalities that are not complying with specific shot clock parameters, and any potential costs to state and local

¹ The Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) is the principal organization representing companies that build, design, own, and manage telecommunications facilities throughout the world. WIA's members include carriers, infrastructure providers, and professional services firms.

² See Comments of the Wireless Infrastructure Association, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed Jun. 15, 2017), *available at* <https://bit.ly/2te5Inl>; see also Reply Comments of the Wireless Infrastructure Association, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed Jul. 17, 2017) *available at* <https://bit.ly/2lathlA>.

authorities that might stem from the development of such infrastructure. WIA emphasized the importance of eliminating these impediments to provide the much-needed predictability and clarity to deploy wireless infrastructure across the nation.

Moreover, WIA provided examples of state bills and local efforts that have greatly assisted with infrastructure deployment. Two specific states discussed were Texas and Colorado where enacted legislation has significantly improved the timing of applications and reduced other significant delays. These bills demonstrate how states are taking an active role in facilitating deployment across the country. As of June 20, 2018, over twenty states have enacted similar legislation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter will be filed via ECFS and provided to each participant. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zac Champ". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Zac" and last name "Champ" clearly distinguishable.

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